

Remarks

Claim 1 is amended so as to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. The Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. It is believed that this response is fully responsive to the Office Action dated January 28, 2004.

Throughout the Office Action Claims 1-9 are referred to. It is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-10 are presently being prosecuted, and Claims 1-10 should be referred to.

Claims 1-9 (1-10) are rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Reconsideration and removal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

It is recited in the rejection that in Claim 1, lines 6-7, the Applicant should clarify “a progressively smaller sectional area”. In order to overcome the rejection, Claim 1 is amended to define that the through-hole of the lower cover and the through-hole of the wiring sheet each have a progressively decreasing sectional area.

The basis for the portion of the amendment pertaining to the through-hole of the lower cover is found on page 41, at lines 18-25 of the specification. The basis for the portion of the amendment relative to the through-hole of the wiring sheet is found on page 41, at lines 1-9 of the specification.

In answer to the question raised by the Examiner in the details of the rejection, the sectional area of the through-holes is not being compared with any other element of the claim. The sectional area of each through-hole is progressively getting smaller or decreasing, as measured going from one end of the through-hole to the other end of the through-hole.

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It is believed that Claim 1 now clearly defines the claimed invention. Removal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

It is acknowledged that Claims 1-9 (1-10) would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, above. It is believed that the rejection is overcome, as discussed above, and that Claims 1-10 are now in condition for allowance. The allowance of Claims 1-10 is respectfully requested.


An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on December 4, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests return of an initialed PTO-1449 form relative to that Information Disclosure Statement.

If there are any issues of a minor nature remaining, the Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's attorney, the undersigned, at Area Code (202) 659-2930.

In the event that any fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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